

### IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 23-28 without prejudice.

Claims 1-22 are pending, claims 9-12 have been amended.

1. (Original) A modular toy building kit, comprising:
  - a. a plurality of building panels, each having a circumference with edges;
  - b. a plurality of tabs, one tab defined on each edge of each building panel;
  - c. a plurality of connectors, each connector having a length and having slots defined along said length; and,
  - d. wherein each said slot is sized to slidably receive and temporarily retain a tab of a building panel.
2. (Original) The kit of claim 1 wherein each said panel is rectangular.
3. (Original) The kit of claim 2 wherein each said panel is hollow and formed from plastic.
4. (Original) The kit of claim 2 wherein each said connector has a height and defines four lengthwise sides and wherein one slot is defined along the length of each side.
5. (Original) The kit of claim 2 wherein each said tab is a T-style tab.
6. (Original) The kit of claim 2 wherein each said tab includes a reduced cross-section adjacent at least one end of said tab.

7. (Original) The kit of claim 5 wherein each slot has at least one open end and wherein said open end has a beveled opening.

8. (Original) The kit of claim 5 wherein each said connector has a height of approximately thirteen and half inches and wherein each said rectangular panel has a length and a width and wherein said length and said width are multiples of approximately eighteen inches.

9. (Amended) The kit of claim 1A ~~self-contained toy panel and connector building set,~~  
comprising:

a. wherein said plurality of panels include a base having a rectangular support surface with four corners;

b. wherein said plurality of connectors include at least four connectors, ~~each having a height and four longitudinal sides and defining a longitudinal slot in each longitudinal side;~~

c. wherein each of said connectors is positionable adjacent one of said support surface corners;

d. wherein said plurality of panels include at least four panels ~~with edges, each panel having a tab adjacent each edge, wherein each tab is sized to be received and selectively retained in one of said connector slots;~~

e. ~~wherein said panels are engagable with said connectors to form walls to a storage compartment mounted on and enclosing said support surface on said base;~~ and,

ef. wherein said storage compartment is sized to store additional panels and connectors.

10. (Amended) The kit set of claim 9 further comprising a lid to close the top of said storage compartment.

11. (Amended) The kit set of claim 10 further comprising wheels attachable to said base.

12. (Amended) The kit set of claim 11 wherein said base is engagable with said connectors.

13. (Original) A connector and panel set, comprising:

- a. a plurality of panels; each panel having edges;
- b. a plurality of connectors, each connector having sides forming a standard height;
- c. wherein each edge of each panel is engagable to a side of any connector;
- d. wherein the height of said connectors differs from the length and the width of each said panel.

14. (Original) The set of claim 13 wherein a stack of said connectors forms a height with joints between the connectors and wherein a stack of panels forms a height with joints between the panels and wherein the joints of said stack of connectors are not equal to the heights of the joints of the stack of said panels.

15. (Original) The set of claim 14 wherein said stack of connectors comprises up to three connectors.

16. (Original) The set of claim 14 wherein said connectors have a standard height of approximately thirteen and half inches and wherein said panels include rectangular panels having lengths and widths in multiples of eighteen inches.
17. (Original) The set of claim 13 wherein each edge of each panel has a tab formed therewith; and wherein said connector sides define slots for receiving and selectively retaining said tabs.
18. (Original) The set of claim 17 wherein each said tab is a T-style tab.
19. (Original) The set of claim 14 further comprising at least one activity board removably attachable to at least one of said panels.
20. (Original) The set of claim 19 wherein said activity board includes a hanger for removably attaching said activity board to said at least one panel.
21. (Original) The set of claim 20 wherein said at least one panel includes an opening sized for receiving said hanger and wherein said activity board is removably attachable to said panel by placing a portion of said hanger through said opening.
22. (Original) The set of claim 21 wherein said hanger further comprises a handle portion and wherein said handle portion partially overlaps said at least one panel beyond the inner edge of

said opening when said activity board is attached to said panel, and wherein said overlapping handle portion inhibits separation of said activity board from said panel.

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